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Menace of Success . . .

It is the duty and the mark of great leadership to be less affected than humanity-in-the-mass either by the menace of disaster or promises of success. It would seem, indeed, that the leader must be capable of reassembling these phrases, and of perceiving the promise in disaster, the menace in success. From the day when Winston Churchill offered the British people only "blood, sweat, toil and tears," to the moment when he finished his speech at this year's Lord Mayor's banquet, he has exercised this instinct.

In their darkest moment, Mr. Churchill did not talk to the British people of some spectacular and fantastic victory to be achieved by some occult stroke of fortune. He only pointed out to them their opportunity, in victory or defeat, to conduct themselves in such away as to make that moment "their finest hour."

One may not agree with Churchill that peoples fighting for the cause of liberty and righteousness have no right to expect Providence to supply a sudden and even miraculous ending for their trials. But one must heartily agree that the wishful optimism now so often encountered needs the reminders of Mr. Churchill's speech. No one is in a better position than he to know what is going into the preparations for the final thrust against the Nazis. No one can know better the risks of the operation, the human costs that military leaders must write into their plans.

Mr. Churchill's endeavors to forestall the menace of success, to assure that the victory which is within reach will not be postponed because the peoples are unprepared to make the final payment.

London Lovely Now . . .

I doubt if we shall ever again see the centre of London as beautiful as it is now, says "A London Diary," New Statesman and Nation. Much that was ugly, as well as some that was irreplaceably lovely, has been destroyed. Bombs have created unexpected and delightful views: St. Paul's stands out as St. Peter's does in Rome and one can see it to great advantage from distant open spaces, notably from a spot in Fetter Lane. Many hideous buildings make quite respectable ruins. From the rubble, purple willow-herb grows luxuriantly and in one place I know of bracken is sprouting out of sandbags. The innumerable lakes which Mr. Morrison has given us as safeguards against fire are an immense improvement on the houses whose places they take, and in one place at least have attracted wild ducks. Outside this building they are tame as in the farmyard, and in Victoria Street a brood of ducklings has grown up comfortably from a nest in the rubble. Above all, for the first time in our lives, there is a sense of space and air in London, and these are the first essentials of all fine town planning.

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NAVY IN CONCERT

Fine Performance by Band of H.M.C.S. Chatham Last Night

(By Dorothy Garbutt)

Last night H.M.C.S. Chatham naval band gave the first of a series of public concerts in the Navy Drill Hall and part of the performance was broadcast over station CFPR by permission of Commander C. M. Cree. The concert celebrated the opening of Navy Week, November 21-27, across Canada and also the opening of the Navy League membership drive today.

Under the competent baton of Chief Petty Officer Sunderland, the trimly jaunty bandmaster, the program opened with "O Canada" followed by a Sousa favorite "The Thunderer." A Victor Herbert medley was next, featuring Yvonne Riffou's sweet young soprano voice in "I'm Falling in Love with Someone" and "Kiss Me Again," while Lieutenant Paul Marsh sang the delightful "Gypsy Love Song." Choosing a number from their earlier Victory Loan program and one which I could enjoy over again in each and every one of their conerts, the band then played Morton Gould's "Pavanne." Their interpretation of this work brought out all the sinister gaiety behind this stately Spanish dance. Drigo's charming "Valse Bluette" was next on this varying program followed by a topnotch arrangement of Hogey Carmichael's popular favorite "Star Dust." Ending the broadcast section of the concert, "Colonel Bogey" was played with spirit and not a little gusto.

A dance band interlude was next. Colored lighting and clever seating arrangement gave the approved ballroom effect. Under the leadership of Bandsman George Harris the music opened to an original tune of Bandsman George Dutton, the pianist. There were a few earsplitting seconds when the instruments rose to a peak of pure noise until the public address system was tuned down to an enjoyment level. Playing such popular numbers as "In the Blue of Evening," featuring the band's soloist, George Corbett, Swooner Sinatra's "All or Nothing At All" they ended with "Kansas City Blues," a jive number to end all jive. It was an enjoyable interlude and went to prove why these boys are in so much demand at local dances.

The third part of the evening's program opened with the nautical theme song "Ship Ahoy." Following this was the only strictly classical offering, Safranek's beautiful "Atlantis Suite." This work, in four parts, depicts an evening in the lost country of Atlantis, a gavotte at a court function, a love idyl and then the dreadful overwhelming of the lost country when the elements rush forward into a catastrophic climax of destruction.

Once again the resonant baritone voice of Lieutenant Paul Marsh gave pleasure with Romberg's "Stouthearted Men." Cole Porter's famous "Night and Day" showed the band at its best and Bennett's "Rhythms of Rio" gave full play to the wizardry of the drums. A comedy number "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was an amusing episode. It showed how a small town band, with but one piece in its repertoire, by a series of ingenious transpositions and arrangements, was able to perform for a march past, school operetta, skating party, the mayor's funeral and a minstrel show.

"When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" was next sung by Yvonne Riffou and this was followed by the closing number on the program—a highly diverting "Ragtime Wedding" in which several of the bandsmen turned thespians. The caste of this tasty little number was: bride, George Harris; groom, Pop Brooks; Minister, Art Shaw; father, Reid George; narrator, Bill Reid.

Altogether it was an evening to be remembered and I felt it a privilege to be able to enjoy such spleidid talent. I was also privileged to sit in about the hardest and shortest chair on record. In fact the place where the chair ended and I began will live long in my memory. But then, I'm temperamental!

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